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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our respective names.

We believe we are the original, and first joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HEATING MELTS**

the specification of which

(check one) ☐ is attached hereto.

XXX was filed on June 2, 2005 as Application Serial No. 10/537,702  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a) – (d) or (f), or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s) or Section 365(a) of any PCT International Application which designated at least one country other than the United States listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s) or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

<u>102 56 857,7</u> (Number)	<u>Germany</u> (Country)	<u>03 December 2002</u> (Day/Mon/Year Filed)	<u>X</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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<u>PCT/EP2003/013353</u> (Number)	<u>PCT</u> (Country)	<u>27 November 2003</u> (Day/Mon/Year Filed)	<u>X</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>(Application Serial No.)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>	<u>(Status - patent, pend., abandon.)</u>
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We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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